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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PFOR, CG, UG  
SUBJECT: MOBUTU'S INTERVENTION WITH AMIN

REF: KINSHASA 1685

1. PRESIDENT MOBUTU TELEPHONED ME EARLY THIS MORNING AND READ  
TEXT OF MESSAGE HE HAD JUST RECEIVED REPORTING RESULTS OF GOZ  
AMBASSADOR'S DEMARCHE TO AMIN ON BEHALF OF AMERICANS IN UGANDA.  
MAIN POINTS OF MESSAGE AS CONVEYED TO ME BY MOBUTU, WERE AS  
FOLLOWS:

A. CONTRARY TO RUMORS, THERE IS NO PROBLEM, AND THERE  
WILL BE NO PROBLEM ("IL N'Y AURA RIEN"), FOR THE AMERICANS.

B. PRESIDENT CARTER DOESN'T YET KNOW AMIN, WHO "SUPPORTED  
CARTER FROM THE VERY BEGINNING OF HIS ELECTION CAMPAIGN".

C. REASON FOR CALLING MEETING IS SIMPLY TO CONVEY MESSAGE  
TO AMERICANS AND PROVIDE THEM WITH "GOOD SURPRISE". THEIR WORK  
IN UGANDA IS APPRECIATED AND AT MEETING AMIN WILL AWARD THEM  
MEDALS FOR THEIR SERVICES.

D. THE AMERICANS IN UGANDA DO NOT WANT TO GO HOME;  
THEY APPRECIATE UGANDA'S HOSPITALITY DESPITE ABSENCE OF  
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DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS.

E. AMIN WISHES MOBUTU TO BE HIS SPOKESMAN ("INTERPRET")  
WITH AMERICANS, AGAINST WHOM HE HOLDS NO GRUDGE. AMIN IS  
ONLY WAITING FOR RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS AND  
REOPENING OF US EMBASSY IN KAMPALA.

F. AMIN ALSO APPEALS TO MOBUTU TO HELP PROMOTE TOURISM  
TO BENEFIT BOTH UGANDA AND ZAIRE.

2. MOBUTU, WHO HAD ALSO TELEPHONED LAST NIGHT TO ADVISE ME THAT BBC WAS CARRYING STORY ON ZAIRIAN AMBASSADOR'S MEETING WITH AMIN, WAS OBVIOUSLY MOST PLEASED WITH RESULTS OF HIS EFFORT ON OUR BEHALF. HE SURMISED THAT MOST RECENT POSTPONEMENT OF MEETING WITH AMERICANS MAY HAVE BEEN RESULT OF HIS INTERVENTION.

3. I THINK IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE, AND USEFUL IN CASE WE NEED MOBUTU'S FURTHER HELP, FOR PRESIDENT CARTER TO SEND BRIEF PERSONAL MESSAGE THANKING MOBUTU FOR HIS IMMEDIATE, VERY POSITIVE RESPONSE TO OUR APPEAL FOR HELP. MESSAGE COULD BE CONVEYED WHEN DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY SEELYE AND I MEET WITH MOBUTU ON SATURDAY, MARCH 5.

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